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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 31, 2003, and is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination and payment of the required fee. Also submitted herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, a Claim Listing is set forth below, with markings to show current amendments to the claims. Payment of the fee of \$43 for an additional independent claim is submitted herewith, as Applicant previously paid for only 5 independent claims.